

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 536**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Calderon**

February 18, 2003

An act to amend Section 60231 of the Water Code, relating to water.

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AB 536, as introduced, Calderon. Water replenishment districts.

The Water Replenishment District Act requires a water replenishment district, before constructing, leasing, purchasing, or contracting for a capital improvement project, to determine the feasibility of such a project by ordering or preparing and reviewing a cost-benefit analysis based upon reasonable assumptions.

This bill would require a district, before building, leasing, purchasing, or contracting for a capital improvement project, to determine the feasibility of such a project by ordering or preparing and reviewing a written cost-benefit analysis based upon reasonable assumptions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 60231 of the Water Code is amended to  
2 read:

3 60231. (a) The powers and duties herein enumerated, except  
4 as otherwise expressly provided, shall be exercised and performed  
5 by the board of the district. If an existing agency has facilities  
6 available and adequate to accomplish any part of the purposes of

1 a district created under this ~~act~~ *division*, the district shall  
2 investigate and determine the cost of contracting for the  
3 accomplishment of that purpose through that existing agency.  
4 Thereupon, the board shall make a finding, by resolution and  
5 supported by evidence, whether or not the purpose proposed to be  
6 accomplished by the district can be achieved more economically  
7 and for the best interests of the area to be benefited by entering into  
8 such a contract with an existing agency. If the board finds that ~~such~~  
9 a contract is more economical and for the best interests of the area  
10 to be benefited, it shall ~~so~~ contract for the accomplishment of ~~said~~  
11 *that* purpose, if ~~such~~ *the* agency ~~so~~ agrees. The purpose of this  
12 section is to avoid duplication of similar operations by existing  
13 agencies and replenishment districts.

14 (b) ~~Prior to constructing~~ *Before building*, leasing, purchasing,  
15 or contracting for a capital improvement project, a district shall  
16 determine the feasibility of such a project by ordering or preparing  
17 and reviewing a *written* cost-benefit analysis based upon  
18 reasonable assumptions.

